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04-00046

RE Joint Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket No. 04-00046

Dear Sharla:

Enclosed are the original and 14 copies of a corrected page 1 for the Joint Response of Petitioners which I filed Tuesday, March 2, 2004. Xspedius Management of Chattanooga was mistakenly referred to as "of Jacksonville." This page corrects that error. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Please return a date stamped copy of this page in the SASE also enclosed.

Sincerely,



H. LaDon Baltimore

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Enclosure

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In the Matter of )

Joint Petition for Arbitration of )

NEW SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS CORP., )  
NUVOX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. )  
KMC TELECOM V, INC., KMC TELECOM )  
III LLC, and XSPEDIUS COMMUNICATIONS, )  
LLC on Behalf of its Operating )  
Subsidiaries XSPEDIUS MANAGEMENT CO )  
SWITCHED SERVICES, LLC and Xspedius )  
Management Co. of )  
CHATTANOOGA, LLC )

Docket No. 04-00046

Of an Interconnection Agreement with )  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc )  
Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the )  
Communications Act of 1934, as )  
Amended )

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JOINT RESPONSE OF PETITIONERS TO  
BELLSOUTH'S MOTION TO SEVER OR  
TO IMPOSE PROCEDURAL RESTRICTIONS

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NewSouth Communications Corp. ("NewSouth"); NuVox Communications, Inc. ("NuVox"); KMC Telecom V, Inc. ("KMC V") and KMC Telecom III LLC ("KMC III") (collectively, "KMC"); and Xspedius Communications, LLC on behalf of its operating subsidiaries Xspedius Management Co. Switched Services, LLC ("Xspedius Switched") and Xspedius Management Co. of Chattanooga, LLC ("Xspedius Management") (collectively, "Xspedius") (collectively, the "Joint Petitioners" or "CLECs"), by their attorneys and pursuant to Tennessee Regulatory Authority Rule 1220-1-1.06(2), hereby file with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") their opposition to BellSouth's Motion to Sever or to Impose Procedural Restrictions. In support of this Joint Response, the Joint Petitioners state as follows:

1. BellSouth's Motion is without merit and should be dismissed or denied. There is nothing improper about the Joint Petition. Nor is there anything vague about the basis of a joint petition. Joint Petitioners acknowledge the merit to having an efficient process and offer suggestions